

Sonrise News

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF SONRISE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL



**"BLESSED ARE THOSE
WHO HEAR THE WORD
OF GOD AND KEEP IT!"
LUKE 11:28**



Kia Ora Tātou,

Term 3 is my favourite term of the year with learning front and centre all the way! The past week has had many things to be excited about, for example, **Te Whare Aroha** had a class visit to the local museum to learn about old technologies and explore some of the rich heritage that Te Tairāwhiti has to offer. The kids love the trip and learnt so much.

Last night we had **our annual Aspiration Hui** to korero around **what works for Māori students** and how are we **meeting that need together, as a school, whānau and community**. **Matua Walton** shared some of his personal journey and encouraged us to know who we are and to make those connections with family and others. It was a very heart felt message and highlighted the importance of family journeying together. **Paku and Kohi** shared about what successes they are having with their mokopuna and then we all sat in groups to share our own keys to unlocking our children's potential. We look forward to adding this voice to future planning in the school.

This week I have had the privilege of sharing with the **secondary classes** what their **2026 curriculum** will look like. There has been much thought given to making our curriculum rich and reflective of student voice. They have received their timetables and curriculum documents to bring home and share with family which will allow them the opportunity to look forward with confidence towards a strong learning year ahead.

Today is also a beautiful day for our senior students get out and about with trips up **Kaiti Hill** and to the **Badminton Centre** with Mrs Fuls. It is good to see our students so active and knowing that we are able to double the amount of PE/Health being taught next year for our Year 9-11 students there is a strong sense of moving forward as a school.

Next week will also be busy with classes heading to the **Science Roadshow**, trips to **Mindlab for Primary school** classes, **Fast 5 netball** competitions, and the **Interschool cross-country town event** happening. (Note – this is **not our big Sonrise Cross-country event** that is still coming up). Keep an eye out for notices coming home and on the class Facebook pages for details.

What's On This Term 3

KAPA HAKA
EVERY Friday

KAPA HAKA NOHO
SENIORS - YR 5-11
Sat **13 SEP** to Sun **14 SEP**
11:00am to 8:00am
Ohako Marae

JUNIORS - YR 1-4
Sat **13 SEP**
2:00pm to 3:00pm
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SECONDARY NOHO (YR 9-13)
Watch this space!!

BOARD MEETINGS
Thurs **4 SEP**
5:30pm to 7:30pm
Sonrise staffroom

CROSS COUNTRY
Interschool Cross Country
Wed **20 Aug** (YR 4-6)

SONRISE Cross Country
Thurs **4 Sep** (YR 7-8)
Fri **5 Sep** (YR 1-6)

JUNIOR PRODUCTIONS
Tues **9 Sep** (YR 1-4)
5:30pm - 7:00pm
House of Breakthrough

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS
Wed **10 Sep**
Voting closes at **12noon**

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IMPORTANT to know:

There is a lot in the news regarding **union meetings and strikes for teachers** over the coming weeks. Next week there are 2 paid union meetings happening and we have been able to plan for the school to remain open next Wednesday and Thursday while some other local schools are closing for these. Also, as we are an Area School, our Secondary school will be open next Wednesday while other local secondary schools close to go on strike. We will keep you all up to date and let you know if, and when we may need to close due to potential strike actions in the future. For now, it is learning as normal.

Health Survey:

Next week we will be sending home our **Bi-Annual Health and Physical Education Delivery Statement community consultation** for 2025. This has only changed slightly since 2023 and we want to hear from you about any thoughts you have regarding this important area of learning. Read the statement, answer four questions and send it back to the school office – Simple. If you have further interest in this document and wish to talk about it, contact the school office and arrange a time to meet with Mr Russell.

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E te Atua e manaaki
Andrew Russell
Tumuaki/Principal

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Congratulations!

TE WHARE TE RITO

Shyla Morris-Wallace & Shiloh McMillan
For working with diligence in their CODE lessons.

TE WHARE AROHA

Eli Barwick & Ben Sony
For making good choices.

TE WHARE TU TANGATA

Mia-Bella Beyer, Lindi-Mine Greeff
For solving addition problems using an algorithm.

TE WHARE MATAORA

Tiia Takoko & Shilah Beyer
Good work and paying attention in class.

HOUSE POINTS:

KAKARIKI > 498

KOWHAI > 605

KAHURANGI > 529

WHERE > 586

VISION

Education for Eternity

Te Matauranga Mutunga Kore

To provide Christ-centered education to prepare children for life both temporal and eternal.

*"Knowing we will be with
Christ forever far outweighs
our burdens today!
Keep your eyes on eternity!"*

BILLY GRAHAM

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD:

Nathel Cherian

For being a kind and respectful friend to others and for striving for excellence in everything that he does.

